Cities mark big drop in crime

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Farmington Hills significant particularly when compared to neighboring communities. West Bloomfield, for example, experienced a 10-6-percent increase in serious crimes.
"Farmington Hills has a reputation of a city that's not going to tolerate serious crimes and our record speaks for listlf." Dwyer slid, crediting the 97 sworn officers for the decrease.

Lauhoff attributes the charge in Farmington to a number of variables including a changing population in the city which has increasingly gotten older, active residents win are becoming the eyes and ears for police, and the fact that communities nearby are becoming busier and more populated. "Farmington is no

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longer a place to go fo at the end of Grand River," he added.

Reputation and officers' quick action is what Davyer believes acts as a deterrent: to would be criminals. Geography also plays a role. In armed rabberies, for example, coppers have little chance for a quick getaway because there is only one entrance onto 1-696, at Orchard Lake Road.

DWYER ALSO attributes decreases in burglaries and larcenies to the high visibility of officers in the neighborhoods. The decrease in mort vehicle thefts can be tied to manufacturers' marking-major companies prohibiting the use of used parts. "There's no outlet for chop shops," Dwyer said.

Activity overall in Farmington Iss decreased with 7.848 calls in 1930 companed with 8,305 calls the previous year, when major crime wasup 6 percent. Thuse calls include everything from major crimes to drunk driving arrests, medical emergences and citizens who are toked ut of their cars.

In Famington Hills, all categories of scious crime including burglary, larceny





and motor vehicle theft decreased from 3,258 in 1989 to 2,712 in 1990. Sexual assaults increased from 1 in 1985 to 18 in 1990. But Dwyer cautioned that these crimes were not street rapes. "These are assaults committed by people who are related or acquainted," Dwyer said. Significant decreases in larcenies

1990 major crime statistics for the Farmington area

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Hills passes up chance to buy golf course

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Resident Ray Davi, the publicized the proposed sale a week age at a council meeting, qustimed municipal ownership of whi was sup-

"Everyone voiced concern or agreed on concern voiced on the conduct of play on a public course versus a private course," Davis said, the questioned whether the city should negotiate against private enterprise and called the city "a fail-saic contender." City officials did not offer any concrete plans how the course would operate and the type of clubhouse that would be built. They said green than at San Marino. "In my mind . . It would be just a bare bones clubhouse, no restant, asts andwiches. We've neverbeen in the restaurant bushness,"

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City Manager William Costick sald. He also suggested that perhaps the course could have a hot dog stand, a comment he said he later regretted making.

"WE HAVE a Burger King and ne-ons. Then we have hunt clubs and Touche's," said resident John Dreher. "We have a lot at stake here. If you build a hot dog shop, I want the tax assessor out at my house the next dav."

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Some residents said they needed more time to consider the city buying the course because they were the last ones to know about the possible

purchase.
"I would have to know more be-

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fore I offered support," Seymour Kilger said. "I feel somebody isn't letting us everything."

Residents were concerned their deed restrictions — which the city does not enforce — would not be city does not enforce — would not be wished if the course is sold to someone else, including the city.

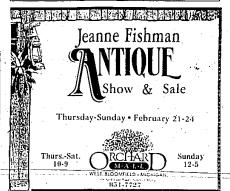
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